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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

June 15, 2015

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Land Acquisition
Rose Lake State Wildlife Area – Clinton County
Stanlake Tract
Land Transaction Case #20140166

Purchase: 17.17 acres - \$125,000.00

Funding Source: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and Land Exchange Facilitation Fund

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$2,352.00
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 17.17 counted acres. There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Description: Clinton County, Bath Township, T05N, R01W, Section 24:
As more completely described in the case file.

Seller(s): The Estate of Roland Stanlake, DeWitt, Michigan

Authority: Natural Resources and Environment Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) June 30, 2015, calendar, and is eligible for approval on July 7, 2015.

Management Purpose: This property will be managed as a part of the Rose Lake State Wildlife Area for hunting, trapping, and wildlife-related recreational opportunities.

Comments: The acquisition of this southern Michigan 17.17-acre parcel is a targeted, strategic investment that strongly supports the Department's mission of enhancing, restoring, and conserving the state's wildlife resources, natural communities, and ecosystems for the benefit to Michigan's citizens, visitors and future generations. This property contains the following characteristics:

- Adjacent to state-owned land - the property is bordered by the Rose Lake State Wildlife Area on three sides.
- Proximity to population centers – this acquisition is six miles from the City of East Lansing, and 12 miles from the City of Lansing.

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- Access – the parcel has excellent frontage on a county-maintained gravel road and is located one mile from I-69.
- Topography and cover – this partly forested property has small openings, a pond and wetlands.
- Wildlife – this parcel provides quality wildlife habitat for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, cottontail rabbits, wood ducks, and mallards.
- Improvements – there is an old house, garage, shed, and utility building on the property. These will likely be removed following acquisition.

As a result, this property will provide quality opportunities for dispersed public recreation in southern Michigan and will support Michigan's \$1.3 billion hunting industry by increasing the amount of public hunting land.

The seller will convey mineral rights relative to this tract, if owned.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department's goals of securing wildlife habitat and increasing public recreation opportunities.

Engagement:

The Bath Township Board of Trustees discussed this acquisition and voted to remain neutral. The Clinton County Parks and Green Space Commission voted in support of the acquisition, along with the Clinton County Board of Commissioners, and provided a letter of support. The Clinton County Board of Commissioners also wishes to express their appreciation to the Department for working with the local units of government and for keeping them involved during the acquisition process.

Recommendation:

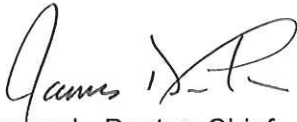
1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Southwest Lower Peninsula Eco-Region Land Consolidation project, and the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.
2. This land is to be dedicated as part of the Rose Lake State Wildlife Area.



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division



William O'Neill, Chief
Forest Resources Division



James L. Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division



Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation Division



William E. Moritz, Ph.D.
Natural Resources Deputy



Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

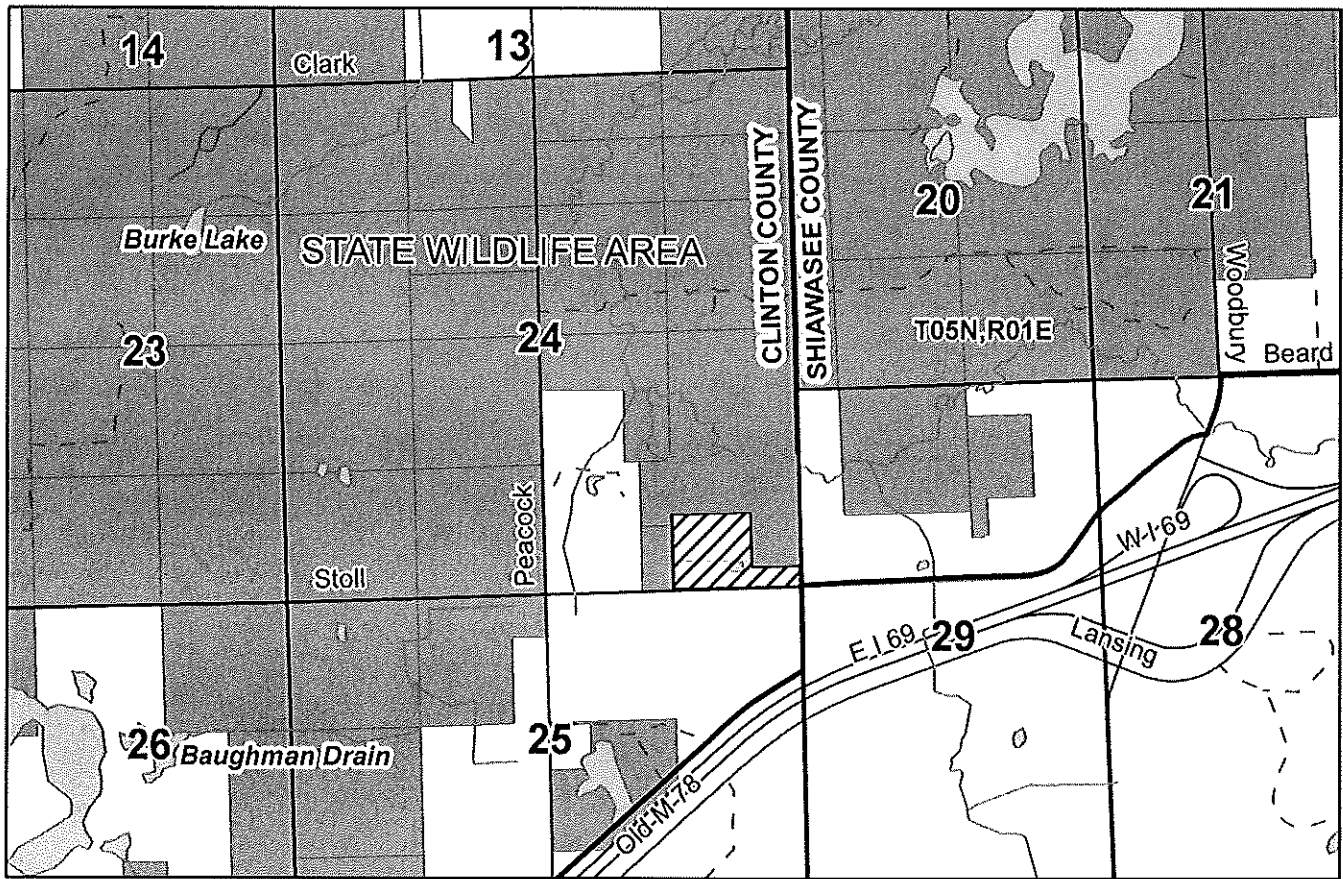
Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

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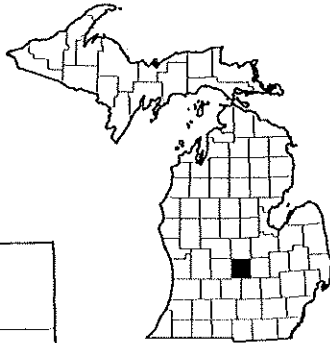
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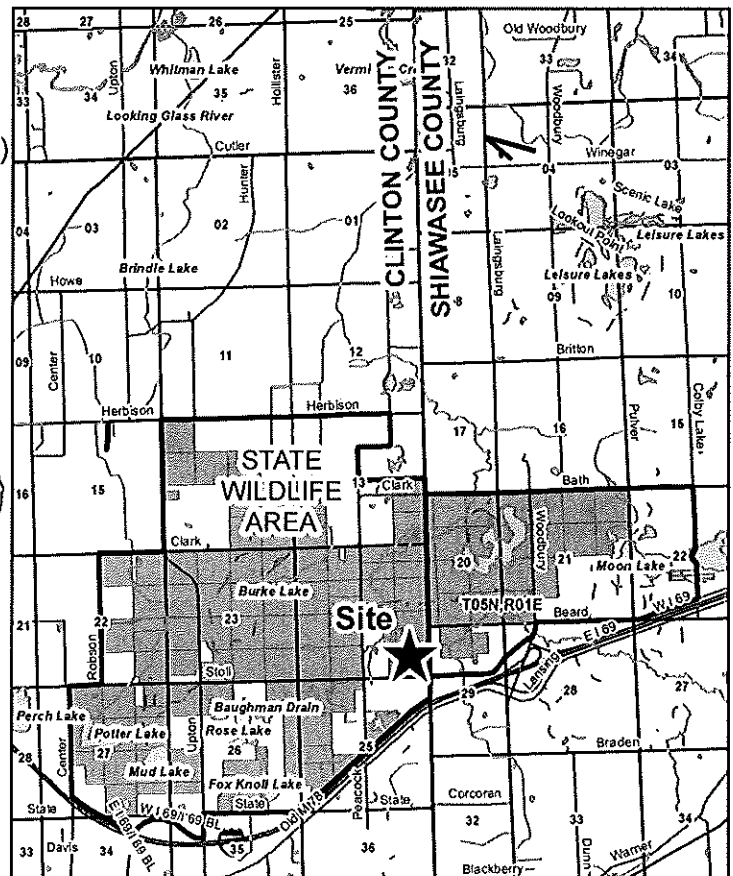
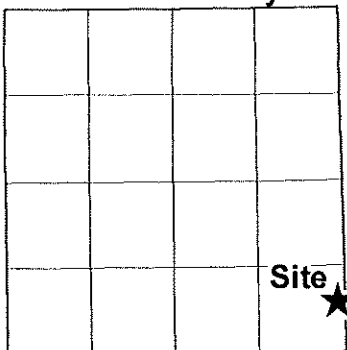


Section 24, T5N, R1W Bath Township

- State Wildlife Area Boundary
- Land to be Acquired by DNR (17.17 acres)
- State Land
- Non-State Land



Clinton County



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
Real Estate Services Section
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Regional Location